

REMARKS

This Preliminary Amendment is made to place the subject application in better form for examination in the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office. Claims 6 and 7 have been amended to eliminate the multiple dependency of the claims. No new matter has been added.

The number of claims remains within that permitted under the filing fees. Please enter the Preliminary Amendment prior to examination and before calculating filing fees. A clean copy of the claims as amended is provided for the convenience of the examiner.

Respectfully submitted,

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a first reading means capable of reading said first bar code;

a memory means for storing said cuvette identification information produced by said identification information producing means, corresponding to said cuvette on which said first fixed.

2.(unchanged) The cuvette control unit as set forth in claim 1, wherein said cuvette identification information producing means produces said cuvette identification information corresponding to said cuvette on which said first bar code is affixed from start code of said codes for controlling and said code for information.

3.(unchanged) The cuvette control unit as set forth in claim 1, wherein said cuvette identification information producing means produces said cuvette identification information producing means produces said cuvette identification information corresponding to said cuvette on

7.(amended) Controlling method, comprising:

Storing corresponding relation information between blood products information obtained by a third bar code affixed on a blood products storing means storing blood products and said cuvette identification information of said first bar code affixed on said cuvette obtained by said cuvette control unit as set forth in claim 1 [claims 1 through 6] in said memory means, when said blood products is processed using said cuvettes; and
controlling said blood products by said cuvette identification information.

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